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The question of making an advance payment of the trunk road and other grants soon after the close of the official year in which the expenditure was incurred pending the final settlement of accounts is engaging the attention of the Government.

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to lay the proceedings on the table ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I have no objection, Sir, to place the papers on the table."

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—" With reference to the answer to question No 535 (2), is the interest on such loans to be borne by the Government, or by the local bodies ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" If they are loans, Sir, the interest on such loans has to be borne by the local bodies concerned."

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—" But as they are trunk roads and as the cost of maintaining trunk roads has been undertaken by the Government, is it not obligatory on the Government to bear the interest on the loans ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, the hon. Member referred to loans. If it is a grant of a loan, it implies that it is lent to the local body and not granted as a gift. The other question does not arise as supplementary to the original question."

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—" My question has not been answered : Is it not obligatory on the part of the Government to provide for the entire maintenance work whether by grant or by loan ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is a matter of argument."

*Reconstitution of the municipal council, Bezwada.*

536 *Q.*— Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which the municipal council, Bezwada, has not been reconstituted, though the election of the municipal councillors was notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette* about two months ago ?

*A.*—The elections were not finally notified by the Chairman until June 27th. Further delay was caused by the settlement of certain legal technicalities connected with the recommendations received in regard to the seats allotted for nomination and in obtaining the consent of the nominated councillors. The consent of one of them was not received till November 11th. The appointments and date of reconstitution were notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of November 14th and the new council came into existence on November 17th.

*Draft rules under the Mulgeni Rent Enhancement Act.*

537 *Q.*—Rai Sahib E. C. M. MASCARENHAS : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state when the draft rules framed under the Mulgeni Rent Enhancement Act will be published ?

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*A.*—Rules under the said Act have already been published—vide notification No. 273, dated the 26th May 1922, published at pages 559–562 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 6th June 1922.

*Revenue Inspectors in the Anantapur district.*

538 *Q.*—Mr. B. Muniswami Nayudu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there were no non-Brahmans among revenue inspectors for some time in the year in the Anantapur district;

(*b*) the number of non-Brahmans who were serving as revenue inspectors in that district on 1st October 1922;

(*c*) the total number of revenue inspectors employed in the district on the same date; and

(*d*) the number of non-Brahman subordinates who are qualified to hold revenue inspectors' posts in that district on 1st October 1922?

*A.*—The Government have no information.

*Sub-Magistrates in the Anantapur district.*

539 *Q.*—Mr. B. Muniswami Nayudu: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that three Brahmans were recalled from leave and appointed as sub-magistrates in Anantapur district while there were qualified Brahmans and non-Brahmans actually doing duty;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a Muhammadan taluk sarishtadar with second-class powers was not appointed to act as sub-magistrate;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a Brahman was promoted as tahsildar (acting) and made to oust a non-Brahman who had been acting as tahsildar for some time;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that a non-Brahman sub-magistrate was reverted to the post of taluk head accountant while there were several acting Brahman sub-magistrates; and

(*e*) whether the action of the Anantapur District Collector is not opposed to the orders of the Government?

*A.*—The Government have no information.

*Name and caste of certain employees in the Anantapur Collectorate.*

540 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi Muhammad Abdur Rahman Sahib: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the name and caste of the Collector's sarishtadar, the English head clerk, and the Treasury Deputy Collector of Anantapur; and

(*b*) how long the above three present incumbents have been holding these posts?

*A.*—The Government have no later information than that in the lists supplied to the Legislative Council Library.